



## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2021-0243; Airspace Docket No. 20-AWP-10]**

**RIN 2120-AA66**

### **Proposed Modification of Class D Airspace, Proposed Removal and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Oxnard Airport, CA.**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to remove the Class E airspace, designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area. Additionally, this action proposes to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface. Lastly, this action proposes administrative updates to the Class D airspace legal description. These actions will ensure the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) at the airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590; telephone: 1-800-647-5527, or (202) 366-9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2021-0243; Airspace Docket No. 20-AWP-10, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at

[https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications). For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nathan A. Chaffman, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S. 216<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone (206) 231-3460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority, as it would modify Class D and Class E airspace, and establish Class E airspace at Oxnard Airport, to support IFR operations at the airport.

**Comments Invited**

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Persons wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those

comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: “Comments to Docket No. FAA-2021-0243; Airspace Docket No. 20-AWP-10”. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

### **Availability of NPRMs**

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA’s web page at [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments).

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the “ADDRESSES” section for the address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Northwest Mountain Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S. 216<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, WA 98198.

### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document proposes to amend FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021. FAA Order JO 7400.11F is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11F lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

## **The Proposal**

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 by removing the Class E airspace, designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area. This airspace is west of the airport and is no longer required to contain IFR arrivals descending below 1,000 feet above the surface.

This action also proposes to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface. This airspace is designated to contain arriving IFR aircraft descending below 1,500 feet above the surface, and departing IFR aircraft until they reach 1,200 feet above the surface.

Finally, the FAA proposes several administrative updates to the Class D legal description. The current description requires modification to replace the use of the phrases “Notice to Airmen” and “Airport/Facility Directive.” These phrases should read “Notice to Air Missions” and “Chart Supplement,” respectively, in the Oxnard Class D airspace legal description. Additionally, the Oxnard Airport’s Class D airspace abuts the Class D areas of Point Mugu Naval Air Station Airport and Camarillo Airport. The geographic coordinates in the Oxnard Airport Class D legal description should be updated to more accurately define the common borders of the three Class D surface areas, which would not represent a change to the current boundaries.

Class D, Class E4 and Class E5 airspace designations are published in paragraphs 5000, 6004, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order JO 7400.11F, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

## **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial, and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### **Environmental Review**

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

#### **List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

#### **The Proposed Amendment**

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

#### **PART 71 - DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

#### **§ 71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.

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**AWP CA D Oxnard, CA [Amended]**

Oxnard Airport, CA

(lat. 34°12'03"N., long. 119°12'26"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,000 feet MSL within a 4.3-mile radius of the airport, excluding that portion east and southeast of a line beginning at lat. 34°15'38.75"N., long. 119°09'34.88"W., to lat. 34°10'22"N, long. 119°09'27"W., to lat. 34°07'44.53"N., long. 119°12'18.39"W. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6004. Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class E Surface Area.

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**AWP CA E4 Oxnard, CA [Removed]**

Oxnard Airport, CA

(lat. 34°12'03"N., long. 119°12'26"W.)

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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**AWP CA E5 Oxnard, CA [New]**

Oxnard Airport, CA

(lat. 34°12'03"N., long. 119°12'26"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 4.8-mile radius of the airport, and within 2 miles each side of the 091° bearing from the airport, extending from the 4.8-mile radius to 12.4 miles east of the airport, and within 1.8 miles each side of the 265° bearing from the airport, extending from the 4.8-mile radius to 6.5 miles west of Oxnard Airport.

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